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EGYPTIAN COTTON NEWS LETTER

Visible Supply of Cotton

Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, April 4, was as follows:

<u>1919</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1917</u>
393,000 bales	338,000 bales	147,000 bales

Prices of Good Sakel, Egyptian, Liverpool, April 4, were as follows:

<u>1919</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1917</u>
39.08d	32.81d	28.35d

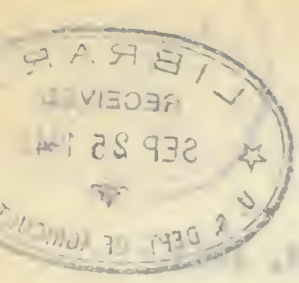
The New Bedford letter of April 5, in the New York Journal of Commerce of April 7, 1919, is, in part, as follows:

* * There is a very general interest in staples and staple prices, and a good deal of inquiry, while in certain quarters a fairly good volume of business has been put through. In other quarters, however, there has been hardly any actual buying and the total volume of dealings for the week has not been unusually large. From neighboring textile centers an active week is reported, especially along certain lines suitable for tire yarn work, but New Bedford mills, either because of fairly good sized unused stocks of cotton on hand, or because of an unwillingness to pay the prices asked, have not fallen in line in any large way.

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The arrival of two shipments of Egyptian cotton, which was reported in this market, went a long way toward allaying anxiety on the part of certain mill men who had accepted tire yarn orders calling for that variety and had found practically none of

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The New Bedford Letter of April 5 continued:

it available in this country. That situation resulted in an active demand for Peruvians and Sea Islands and to some extent for American Egyptian. This interest has continued to some extent this past week and some Sea Island and some Peruvian were sold. New Bedford mills took a little, but most of it went to Rhode Island and Boston territory, and will be used to fill in until the pure Egyptian is landed, passed through quarantine and delivered. Good grades of Peruvian Mittafiffi have been quoted at 45c to 46c and thereabouts, while Sea Islands have been nearly stationary, being quoted at 50c and higher for average extra choice, 51c for straight extra choice, and 52c for fancy. American Egyptian prices have remained stationary at 50c to 52c for Yuma and 55c to 56c for Pima, with little actual dealing in either.

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Liverpool Daily Cotton Reports

(No change in the quotations for Sakellaridis Egyptian cotton since Feb. 14, 1919)

Quotations for Middling Upland Cotton on the Savannah	
Market for the week ending Friday, April 4, 1919	26.25
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EGYPTIAN COTTON NEWS LETTER

Visible Supply of Cotton

Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, April 11, was as follows:

<u>1919</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1917</u>
378,000 bales	319,000 bales	156,000 bales

Prices of Good Sakel, Egyptian, Liverpool, April 11, were as follows:

<u>1919</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1917</u>
30.08d	33.39d	30.10d

The New Bedford letter of April 13, in the New York Journal of Commerce of April 14, 1919, is, in part, as follows:

While there has been a very general and fairly active interest in extra staple cotton during the past week, the actual dealing has been very conservative, to put it mildly. Mills apparently are not in any great need of present supplies to keep running and feel under no pressing necessity of buying more raw material unless they can get it on the basis of their own ideas of what it should be worth. Despite the considerable number of new cloth and yarn orders that have been taken within the past two weeks, there has been no evidence of any general movement to buy cotton against these orders and dealing has been confined, for the most part, to small lot purchases on the spot.

Prices, as a whole, have changed very little from last week, but toward the close of the week have been slightly firmer than they were several days ago because of the rise on the New York Exchange. Usually, the mill men have refused to meet these prices, while at the same time the offers made by the mill men were considered by the shippers as too low and were rejected in most cases. * *



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The New Bedford letter of April 12 continued:

There has been some demand for Sea Islands in the local market and one sale of 300 bales is reported with other deals still hanging fire. Price quotations range between 50c and 54c, there being a difference of about a cent between the various grades, fancy, straight extra choice, average extra choice and choice. Peruvian Mit-taffiffi of good grade for May shipment was offered around 46c, while Egyptian uppers, as a result of the arrival of two cargoes from Alexandria, tumbled below 50c again. There was little new interest in American Egyptian, and it is said that the greater part of this year's crop has been sold. Quotations were still 50c to 52c for Yuma and 55c to 57c for Pima, although one offering of good grade Pima was reported at considerably under these last named figures.

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Quotations for Middling Upland cotton on the Savannah Market
for the week ending Friday, April 11, 1919 26.50

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EGYPTIAN COTTON NEWS LETTER

The New Bedford Standard of April 20, 1919, contains the following extract relative to extra staple cotton:

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There was a good steady demand for extra staples as well as for some of the shorter lengths, though there was little interest in the particularly long peeler cotton.

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In certain quarters there was reported a nice demand for foreign cotton. It was said that fairly good sized orders for good grade Sakellaridis had been put through toward the close of the week, while there was more than an ordinary demand for Peruvian Mittafiffi. The former was quoted in the neighborhood of 56 to 59 cents, but certain mills claimed to be buying it for about 53 cents. Peruvians were said to be obtainable at slightly less than 46-1/2 cents, although that figure was what was generally quoted for a good trade of Mittafiffi. For Egyptian Uppers with a staple measuring a full inch and a quarter, 52 cents was asked, though it was said that slightly shorter Egyptian could be secured from stocks on the spot in New England or New York at about 48 cents.

There was considerable interest also in Sea Islands and several deals were pending at the close of the week, while several others were reported as put through just previously. Extra Choice was quoted at 52-1/2 to 53-1/2 cents, while average extra choice was a half cent lower. There is practically no fancy to be had. The arrival of two cargoes of the real Egyptian cotton has put a damper on the interest in American Egyptian because of its high price. The highest grade Pima is offered at 57 cents with slightly lower grades available in the neighborhood of 55 cents, while Yuma can be bought in the better grades for 50 to 52 cents. These prices are for cotton that is on the spot in the east.

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The New Bedford Standard of April 20, 1919, also contains the following extract under the heading "Cotton Stocks Begin to Shrink" -

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For the first time since the opening of the present cotton season, the stocks on hand show a shrinkage from the previous month.

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The stock of Egyptians has shrunk materially since last month, being nearly 9,000 bales less, while the amount of Sea Island on hand is nearly 3,000 bales less, though the amount held in consuming establishments has increased during the month nearly a thousand bales.

Egyptian Cotton Imports

The Bureau of the Census reports imports from Egypt in equivalent 500-lb. bales during the 8 months ending March 31, 1919, together with the corresponding period (as well as for the month of March) of the preceding year as follows:

March		:	8 mos. ending Mar. 31	
1919	1918	:	1919	1918
583	None	:	24,127	31,028

Liverpool Daily Cotton Reports

(No change in the quotations for Sakellaridis Egyptian cotton since February 14, 1919)

The following table shows the number of persons who were employed in the various occupations in the United States in 1910, and the number of persons who were employed in the same occupations in 1900.

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Visible Supply of Cotton

Stock in Alexandria Egypt, April 25, was as follows:

<u>1919</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1917</u>
362,000 bales	316,000 bales	135,000 bales

Prices of Good Sakel, Egyptian, Liverpool, April 25, were as follows:

<u>1919</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1917</u>
30.08d	32.55d	30.60d

The New Bedford letter of April 26, in the New York Journal of Commerce of April 28, 1919, is, in part, as follows:

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Interest in Sea Islands was reported from a number of quarters and one or two small sales were made. There is a disposition among the brokers to believe, however, that the major part of the inquiry for prices was caused by the presence of Government representatives in town who were sent to arrange adjustments on the surplus stocks of Sea Islands left unused in the hands of the mills after the cancellation of the Government airplane cloth and balloon cloth orders. Prices quoted here ranged from 52-1/2c to 54-1/2c for straight extra choice and from 53c to 54c for average extra choice. There was some interest in and a few sales of Egyptians, principally Sakellaridis, which was quoted all the way from 52c to 58c for spot cotton, the price apparently being arrived at on something like a cost plus basis, depending upon how long it had been carried. Medium grade Sak was offered at 54c, cleared for shipment from Alexandria, while Egyptian uppers of medium grade were offered around 47c, cleared for shipment from Egypt. One lot of especially fine selected uppers on the spot was quoted at 53c. Peruvian Mittafiffi of medium grade was quoted at 45c to 47c, a fairly good supply of it being available on the spot. One quarter of the market reported some interest in American Egyptians, but this was not general, as it is the impression here that most of the good grades have been bought up. It is still possible to get quotations on them, however, high grade Pima being offered at from 56c to 58c, while Yuma is still available at 50c to 52c.

